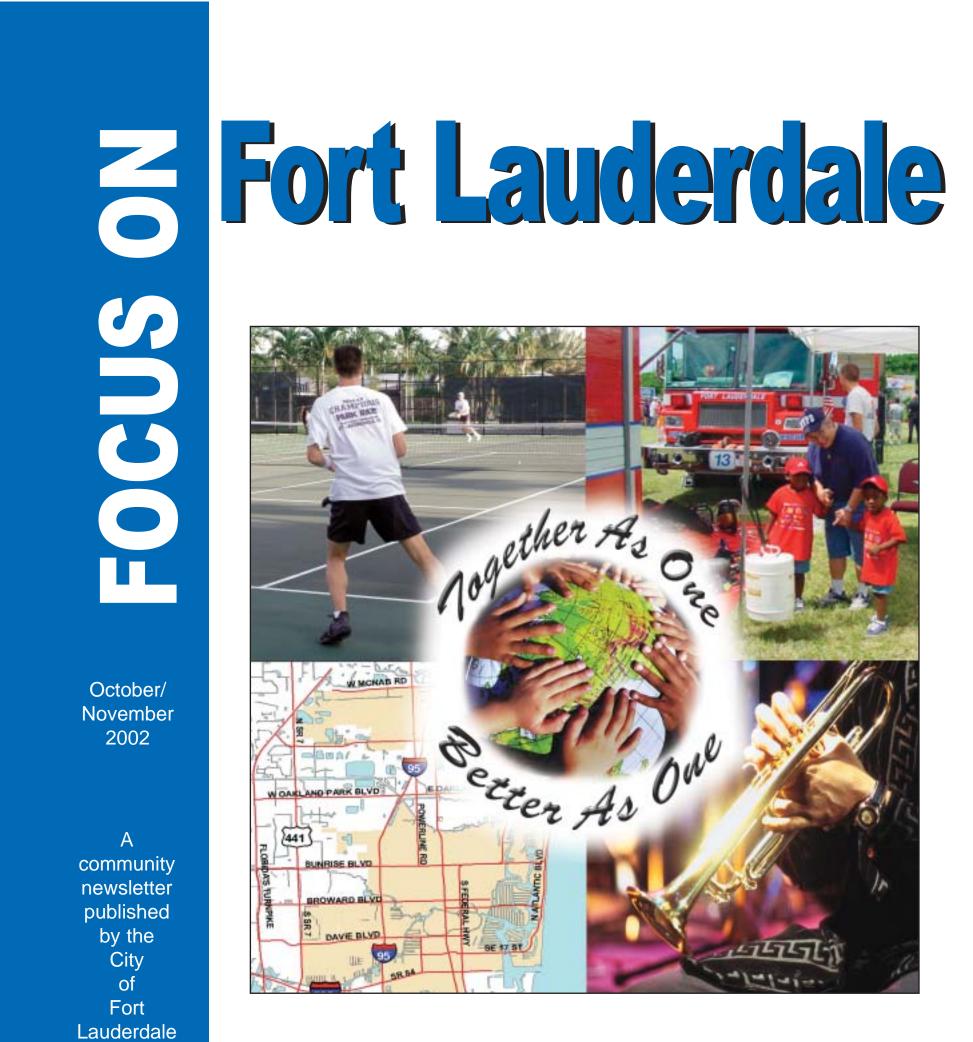
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Support Children's Literacy and Development

My favorite words to hear these days are when my little girl says "Daddy, will you read me a story?"

The question usually comes at bedtime. I always stop whatever I am doing and ask her to select the book that she would like me to read for the evening. It is such a special time and I know that it will help prepare her for a lifetime of reading enjoyment. The love of reading will also help her gain the knowledge she will need when she goes off in the world on her own.

Not all of us have the opportunity to read to a four-year-old every evening, but we all have a chance to help our youth to read.

Our First Lady, Laura Bush is promoting a program called "Reach Out and Read". It is a program that is in health clinics across America where doctors and nurses actually prescribe that parents read to their children.

Our local public and private schools have programs where volunteers can assist students in the classrooms in need of improving their reading skills. Broward County Public Schools has a program in place called Volunteers Assisting Students and Teachers (VAST). VAST trains and facilitates volunteers with the tools necessary to assist students in a variety of subjects. It serves as an excellent opportunity for volunteers to

help students develop their literacy skills. To become a volunteer in any one of our public schools, please contact **Ann French (954) 765-6525**.

If you are unable to volunteer, the Fort Lauderdale Housing Authority distributes children's books to needy families that may not be able to afford to purchase books on their own. To donate books, contact the Fort Lauderdale Housing Authority at (954) 525-6444 x111.

Please consider making a difference in the life of a child by helping him or her to read.

I have to go now, my little girl just called out "Daddy, will you read me a story?"

New City Attorney Takes Post

Harry A. Stewart, an attorney with 28 years of experience in counseling and representing Florida's governmental and private sector clients, will serve as the new City of Fort Lauderdale Attorney. While overseeing 10 attorneys and 11 support staff members, Stewart will direct the day-to-day operations of the department and its \$2.3 million budget.



For the past 11 years, Stewart served in the Orlando law offices of Akerman, Senterfitt & Eidson, P.A. representing various cities and counties in such areas as land use, real estate development, eminent domain/condemnation, public finance and governmental affairs. Among the cities he represented were the City of Fort Lauderdale, Pompano Beach, St. Augustine and Tamarac. Among the counties he represented were Hillsborough, Orange and Seminole. Prior to that, Stewart spent 17 years representing governmental agencies as Assistant General Counsel and/or General Counsel for such counties as Broward, Volusia, Seminole and Orange.

Stewart is a native Floridian who was born in Daytona Beach and raised in Miami. He attended University of Florida, where he obtained a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration followed by a law degree. Later he served as an enlisted person in the Navy. Today, recreation time is spent either cruising, fishing or diving off of Fish Tales, his boat, or cruising on his Harley Davidson Soft Tail Deuce.

"I look forward to providing the outstanding service that this office has always provided," said Stewart. "Dennis Lyles (former City attorney) leaves large shoes to fill."

City Attorney Harry Stewart poses in front of his captain's license and prized catch.

City Manager's Message



Floyd T. Johnson Together As One, Better As One

Come celebrate with us in October. We are doing more than talking about our diverse population. We are celebrating our diversity and promoting unity through a series of events.

"Together As One, Better As One," presents a unique invitation to citizens. The purpose is to increase awareness of an respect for all the cultures and ethnicities that exist within our community.

The collaborative efforts among our staff, local organizations and businesses have made it possible to present a true mosaic of events and presentations throughout the month that are designed to showcase and celebrate various cultures.

Experience the music, customs, arts, films, literature and more during such events as Downtown Live! and SunTrust

Sunday Jazz Brunch, the opening of the African-American Research Library And Cultural Center, Viva Broward, the arrival of the Amistad, a multi-cultural festival and more. Of particular interest will be a series of special events, street festivals and fundraisers.

We have joined with The National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) in their mission "to fight bias, bigotry and racism, and to promote understanding and respect among all."

The NCCJ's Broward/South Palm Beach chapter is hosting its 1st Annual Walk As One Walk-A-Thon on Sunday, October 20. All funds raised will benefit the NCCJ's local youth and community leadership programs. The 3.1-mile Walk-A-Thon, presented by JM Family Enterprises, Inc. and The Herald -

Broward Edition, will begin at A1A and East Sunrise Boulevard and continue along Fort Lauderdale Beach.

Immediately after the walk-a-thon, there will be a multi-cultural street festival on the beach. The street festival entitled "Together As One - Better As One" is a celebration of the diversity of Broward County and will feature local bands, artists, vendors, social service agencies and cultural groups.

A detailed calendar of city-sponsored events is located on pages 8 and 9 of this issue of Focus On Fort Lauderdale.

The City of Fort Lauderdale is honored to be a part of many of these events, and privileged to serve as the host City for the events. I encourage citizens to join us in celebrating our diversity.

Tuning Your Channel Lineup

Expanded Broadband Cable Access To Switch Channel 38 To Channel 18

Beginning in October, some AT&T Cable subscribers will notice a few changes to their cable lineup that will affect where they tune in to view City Commission meetings, favorite advisory board meetings and informational screens.

Over the next two years, avid watchers of Channel 38, the City of Fort Lauderdale public access channel, will be switched to Channel 18. The change

comes as a result of a new upgraded broadband service that will be phased in throughout the City.

AT&T Broadband will notify individual subscribers as the changes take place through a variety of communication mediums including door hangers, promotional messages, new channel guides and billing inserts. The City of Fort Lauderdale has been working with AT&T Broadband, the City's franchised

cable operator, to provide enhanced services to our citizens.

If you have any

Channel 38
moves to
Channel 18

questions or concerns, please contact AT&T Broadband at **1-800-568-1212**.









The City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue and Police Departments held observance ceremonies simultaneously at 11 of the City's Fire-Rescue Stations on September 11, 2002. Citizens, fire-rescue personnel, police officers and employees united to salute and honor the fallen firefighters, police, emergency, military personnel and civilians who perished on this day. The ceremonies also paid tribute to the heroism, bravery and generosity of all who assisted in the recovery efforts. As part of the ceremonies, all fire station flags were lowered to half-mast as a tribute to those whose lives were lost. In addition, a series of bell tones were conducted - one for the collapse of the South Tower at 10:05 a.m. and another set of tones for the collapse of the North Tower at 10:28 a.m. Citizens were invited to share their feelings and the names of loved ones who were lost during the September 11 tragedy.

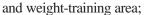
Joseph C. Carter Park Renovations Begin



City officials and citizens celebrated the start of a \$7 million renovation project that will transform Joseph C. Carter Park into a new facility. Located at 1450 W. Sunrise Blvd., Carter Park is one of the city s oldest and most popular parks. During the renovation, the park will be closed to the public to make room for a series of major improvements including but not limited to:

* Renovations to the ball fields including a new concession stand/press box, additional seating areas, new dugouts, backstops and fencing; and new lighting;

- * A new entryway feature and an added turn lane at N.W. 16 Avenue to ease entry and exit of the park;
- * A new parking lot providing access directly onto Sunrise Boulevard;
- * Renovations at Sunland Pool featuring a new deck, a new water playground and a new pool building to better serve swimmers and park staff;
- * Upgrades inside the gymnasium including construction of two handicap accessible restrooms, expansion of the east side of the building to accommodate a larger fitness



* Addition of a new walking/jogging path with fitness stations set along the park s perimeter.

For more information on Carter Park, please call (954) 828-PARK. Community members, contractors and city officials celebrated the ground breaking of Joseph C. Carter Park in grand style in September.



In observance of Veteran's Day, the City of Fort Lauderdale offices will be closed Monday, November 11. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, November 12.

Other Schedule Changes

Due to a conference scheduled for the first week of December, the City Commission meetings will take place on:

December 10

1:30 p.m. Conference Agenda Meeting (held in the 8th floor Conference Room)6 p.m. Regular Agenda Meeting (held in the 1st floor Commission Chambers)

December 17

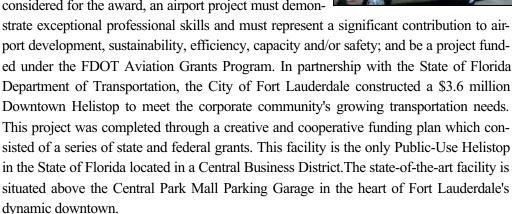
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FDOT Names Downtown Helistop 2002 Outstanding Airport Project Of The Year

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has selected the recently completed Downtown Helistop as the 2002 Outstanding Airport Project of the Year.

The award was presented recently at the Florida Airport Managers Association Awards luncheon. To be considered for the award, an airport project must demon-



Executive Airport Master Plan and Noise Study Update

The Master Plan and Part 150 Study Updates schedule has been revised at the request of homeowner representatives indicating a very strong interest in the recommended noise abatement measures developed during the Noise Study for Executive Airport. The two studies will be conducted separately. The Master Plan Update at this time has been postponed until further notice. The Noise Study will continue on schedule and will be completed and presented to the Commission prior to the end of this calendar year. The Noise Study will require an FAA review and approval process of approximately six months. Based on the FAA review and approval of the Noise Study, the Commission will then be able to direct staff to resume the Master Plan Update.

At this time, a public meeting on the Noise Study is scheduled for November 12 at 7 p.m. in the Beach Community Center, located at 3351 NE 33rd Ave. For more information, contact Clara Bennett, Airport Programs Manager, at (954) 828-4969 or Mark Cervasio, Assistant Airport Manager, at (954) 828-4975.

Business Matters & (183595)

The City of Fort Lauderdale, in partnership with the Florida Atlantic University Small Business Development Center (SBDC), provides free one-on-one consultation services and training seminars. The services are open to all small business in the City. Consulting services are held at 101 N.E. 3rd Ave., in Suite 300. To make a consultation appointment, please call (954) 828-4535.

The City also provides seminars on the fourth Tuesday of each month, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the 8th floor conference room of City Hall, 100 N. Andrews Ave. For information, please call **(954) 828-4505.**

The Buyer Seller Dance: Selling Skills for the New Millennium is scheduled for October 22. Learn how to take control of your company and sales. Topics include sales approaches; salesperson/client relationships; overcoming the fear of prospecting; how to close the sale more effectively.

Deductible Business Expenses is scheduled for November 26. Discover how to improve your tax situation by proper use of business deductions. Topics addressed include forms of business ownership in relation to deductible expenses; accounting; deductible expenses; payroll and more.

City Hires Office of Professional Standards Director

The City of Fort Lauderdale has appointed **Stephen Scott** as Director of the Office of Professional Standards (OPS).

As Director of a newly created department, Scott and his staff will be responsible for implementing the City's Equal E m ploy ment Opportunity (EEO) and Work-



force Diversity programs; serve as the key liaison and resource for employees and supervisors to facilitate work place conflict resolution and intervention at the earliest possible stage; as well as the investigation, mediation and resolution of employee complaints.

Scott is no stranger to the City of Fort Lauderdale. He served as an Assistant City Attorney for almost two years. During that time, he provided legal counsel and representation on labor and employment matters, First Amendment and other constitutional litigation in both State and Federal Court, and was also responsible for drafting ordinances, resolutions, contracts and city policies in a variety of areas.

"As director, I consider the OPS position an opportunity to tackle difficult issues in new and creative ways," said Scott. "The combination of the more traditional EEO functions, with the ability to also deal with other work place issues that frequently lead to such complaints, offers the OPS Director the chance to create an office that is truly 'cutting edge.' The City Manager and members of his office have pledged their full support, and the support of City management, in these efforts."

With more than 13 years of experience, the last seven specializing in public sector labor and employment law, Scott has served as Assistant City Attorney for the City of Hialeah and most recently for the City of Miami. Scott is a graduate of the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. He obtained a law degree from George Washington University.

Citizens Urged
To Change
Smoke Alarm
Batteries
When Turning
Back The Clock
On October 27



A home fire is the one disaster that children are most likely to experience. It is the fifth leading unintentional cause of injury and death in the United States, behind motor vehicle crashes, falls, poisoning by solids or liquids, and drowning. Home fires also rank as the first cause of death for children under the age of 15 at home

The City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department strongly encourages citizens to change the bat-

larly. They cut your chances of dying in a home fire nearly in half. Since smoke alarms sense abnormal amounts of smoke or invisible

combustion gases in the air, they can detect both smoldering and flaming fires. An easy way to remember to do so is to "Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery" when you change your clocks back to standard time on October 27. You will be making a lifesaving change in your household when you remember to change your smoke detector battery.



Most smoke alarms provide a test button you may use to test the unit periodically to assure proper operation. Smoke alarms should be tested monthly and be replaced every 10 years. Batteries normally last up to one year, and usually the smoke detector provides an audible indication when the batteries become weak. Ideally, you should have at least one smoke detector on each level of your home.

Firefighters Host Holiday Food Drive

Get into the Holiday spirit by supporting the City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department and Fort Lauderdale Firefighters Benevolent Association in helping to provide for those in need during this holiday season!

City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department and the Firefighters Benevolent Association will begin collecting non-perishable food items for the annual Holiday Food Drive. Donations are accepted at any one of the fire stations beginning October 7 through November 22. For more information about the

Fire-Rescue Stations
Station 2 - 301 N. Andrews Ave.
Station 3 - 2801 S.W. 4th Ave.
Station 8 - 1022 W. Las Olas Blvd.
Station 13 - 2871 E. Sunrise Blvd.
Station 16 - 524 N.E. 21sst Ct., Wilton Manors
Station 29 - 2002 NE 16 Street
Station 35 - 1841 E. Commercial Blvd.
Station 46 - 1121 N.W. 9th Ave.
Station 47 - 1000 S.W. 27th Ave.
Station 49 - 1015 Seabreeze Blvd.
Station 53 - 5555 NW 23rd Ave.
Station 54 - 3200 N.E. 32nd St.

Holiday Food Drive, please call the City Public Information Line at 954-828-4752.

Team Up For Fire Prevention Week: October 6-12

Station 88 - 6300 N.W. 21st Ave.

The United States currently has one of the highest overall fire death rates of all industrialized countries. Residential fires are the most important cause of fire-related mortality. The best defense against fires is awareness and proper preparation.

Dedicated to raising public awareness about the dangers of fire and how to prevent it, the National Fire Prevention Association has collaborated with Fire-Rescue agencies nationwide in sponsoring Fire Prevention Week since 1925. This year's Fire Prevention Week, themed "**Team Up for Fire SafetyTM**", touches on three simple but essential safety lessons that everyone should know:

- 1- Installing and testing smoke alarms... The City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department urges citizens to install a smoke alarm on every level of your home. Install a smoke alarm in or near every sleeping area. Mount the smoke alarms high on ceilings or walls. Ceiling-mounted alarms should be installed at least four inches away from the nearest wall. Wall-mounted alarms should be installed four to 12 inches away from the ceiling. Finally, do not install smoke alarms near windows, outside doors, or ducts where drafts might interfere with operation.
- **2-** Practicing home escape plans... Gather everyone in your household and draw a floor plan of your home, showing two ways out of each room, including windows. Don't forget to mark the location of each smoke alarm. Make sure that everyone understands the escape plan. If your home has security bars, make sure that they are equiped with quick-release mechanisms so that they can be opened immediately in an emergency.
- **3-** Hunting for home hazards... Unattended cooking, space heating equipment and lit candles, as well as improper wiring are home hazards to correct. Liquids like gasoline, kerosene, and propane are highly flammable. Make sure to store these liquids outside the home in a properly ventilated shed or garage. Store them only in small quantities and in their original containers or in safety containers.

The idea is simple: team up with the people with whom you live, work, play, and worship so everyone is prepared to prevent, and if necessary, survive a home fire. For more information on Fire Prevention Week, fire safety tips and more, log on to www.nfpa.org. Also in honor of Fire Prevention Week...

The City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department, in conjunction with the Broward County School Board, is conducting an essay contest for all 5th graders in public schools located within the city limits. Each school will conduct the essay with one winner emerging from all schools. Contact your school for more information.



A Stellar Facility Serving Top Talents

Members of the State Champion Men's 4.5 Tennis Team practice.

Ranked as an Outstanding Public Tennis Facility in the country by the United States Tennis Association Center, the Jimmy Evert Tennis Center is home to admired tennis coaches and talents, while serving as host and site of many local, regional and national tournaments.

Whitney Kraft, Tennis Director of the Jimmy Evert Tennis Center, recently earned a designation of a specialist in competitive player development from the United States Professional Tennis Association. Kraft earned the degree after successfully completing the USA Tennis High Performance Coaching curriculum administered by the USTA's USA Tennis Coaching Education Department. The program is designed for teaching professionals who specialize in developing players who compete or will compete at the highest levels of tennis.

This fall, the facility will host the 48th Annual Tennis Championship November 16, 17, 23, 24 and 25. Men, women and junior tennis enthusiasts of all levels can register to play singles, doubles or multiple matches for a nominal fee. Enter by November 13 for the November 16 and 17 tournaments, or November 20th for the November 23-25th matches. Pick up an application at the Jimmy Evert Tennis Center, located in the heart of Holiday Park, or call (954) 828-5378.

Top Notch Talent

The Jimmy Evert Tennis Center's Men's 4.5 Tennis Team will represent Florida in the Men's 4.5 National Championship in San Diego, CA, October 17 - 20. The team, captained by Mark Burnam, won both the Fall 2001 and Spring 2002 seasons in Broward County over tough competition from Pembroke Lakes, Wilton Manors, Coral Springs, and Eagle Trace. The Jimmy Evert team then defeated Jupiter and Miami in the July Regionals and advanced to the State Championship held in Daytona. The team emerged as State Champions after defeating Tampa 3-2, Gainesville 5-0 and Orlando 4-1, for a record of 29 & 1, and earning the right to represent Florida.

Commit To Recycling

The City of Fort Lauderdale is committed to recycling and providing citizens with the resources to recycle.

On November 15, the City celebrate America Recycles Day from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the lobby of City Hall, 100 N. Andrews Ave. Plenty of recycling information will be available along with a showcase of bins, accessories and video demonstrations. America Recycles Day 2002 represents a partnership among government, industry and environmental organizations to promote recycling and to encourage participation of all citizens.

Our City has doubled its recycling efforts throughout the City by providing numerous resources to citizens. Some of these efforts include curbside recycling for homeowners, businesses and multi-unit dwellings; Recycle Corps bi-monthly meetings; recycling receptacles at most City-related events; City Hall receptacles for newspaper, magazine, re-chargeable batteries, laser printer toner cartridges and ink jet printer cartridges and more. For information on America Recycles Day, contact Casey Eckels, City Recycling Coordinator at (954) 828-5577.

Status of Proposal For Additional Health Study At Wingate

The City of Fort Lauderdale is actively working with residents and Federal and State health experts in evaluating an additional health study proposed for communities near the Wingate Landfill, 1300 NW 31st Ave.

"Health concerns raised by some residents in neighborhoods near Wingate have not been ignored," said **Greg Kisela**. "Over the past 12 years, Federal, State and local health agencies have performed several studies in the areas surrounding the Wingate landfill to address the health concerns of residents. No scientific study performed to date shows a causal link between the Wingate landfill and health concerns expressed by some residents living near the site."

The City hired expert toxicologist Dr. Chris Teaf, to work with State and County health departments to evaluate a survey that may receive a \$120,000 grant from the Federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR).

"The City of Fort Lauderdale supports additional studies if they use sound science and proven methodology," said Kisela. "If not, the studies will only create additional confusion in the community."

In order to avoid misleading the public, future studies must

define a clear objective; require verification of information; and define study limitations in order to minimize the possibility of unreasonable expectations and misinterpretation of study results," Kisela said. For 25 years, between 1954 and 1978, the Wingate Road land-fill and incinerator received hundreds of tons of waste each day from more than 1,400 companies and all Fort Lauderdale area residents. Everyone in the community made use of the City's disposal facility, in full compliance with existing regulations.

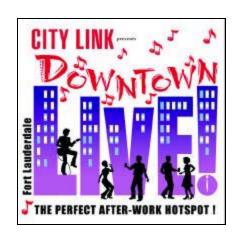
In early 2002, the City completed the EPA's remediation plan, which centered on a multi-layered capping system, the type of additional protection that EPA has used successfully at similar Superfund sites around the country.

The site will be monitored for 30 years. Previous EPA site monitoring results confirm that soil and water near the site do not pose any unusual risk to the Wingate community.

"Federal, State and local governments have done what they can to find the answers," said Kisela. "Every time another sound study takes place, the conclusions are the same: Wingate neighborhoods are safe."









The City of Fort Lauderdale in partnership with various community groups and businesses are showcasing the rich diversity of our community to encourage and promote cultural enrichment and diversity within and beyond our City. Together As One, Better As One will provide a mosaic of street fairs, concerts, demonstrations, and other special events for the purpose of sharing our customs and heritage. Here is a quick review of what you can expect to see through October.

Expanded SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch

Sunday, October 6:

The Downtown Riverwalk along the New River comes alive with the sounds of Dana Paul, Cezar Santana, Beatriz Malnic, Amereida and the Irresistibles Jazz Quartet. Enjoy plenty of jazz, food and activities for the entire family from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Area businesses offer a variety of tasty treats for purchase and there is plenty of things to do for the kids. In recognition of the multicultural celebration, don't miss the Kiddies Carnival Parade & Festival from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. with Grand Marshalls Trey and Will Smith (Fresh Prince). Follow the Steelbands along the Riverwalk to the festivities at Esplanade Park. For more information, call (954) 828-5985.

Downtown Live

Wednesday, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Don't miss Fort Lauderdale's newest after-work hot spot on Wednesday nights this month from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. along S.W. 2nd Street between S.W. 2nd and 3rd Avenues. Enjoy chart-topping music, works provided by local artists and a host of other cultural activities.

For more information logon to (www.ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us/festivals) or call (954) 828-6620.

This month's Downtown features:

October 2 Orchestra Brava
Salsa beat hits the streets

October 9th Celebrate Oktoberfest
October 16 King Johnson

Horn Driven, New Orleans funk, Jazz and Blues

October 23 Fifth Year Crush Rock/ Pop out of Gainesville

October 30 The Regulators

Don't miss the Halloween block party featuring Swinging Blues. Wear your costume!

Fashion Flair of the Americas October 4-6 and 11-13

Don't miss Zola Keller's Salute to Hispanic Designers in association with Fashion Week of the Americas at 818 East Las Olas Blvd. Meet popular hispanic designers at a cocktail party every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. followed by Hispanic Designer Trunk Show. For more information, call **(954)** 462-3222.

October 4 - 6

Designer: Franco Montoro Theme: Venezuela Evening Wear

October 11 - 13

Designer: Sara Bassán

Theme: Panamá Evening Wear

Museum of Art Through the end of October

Central American Visionaries is a compelling exhibition that brings together some of the most gifted painters from Panama, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador. These artists are practitioners of Magical Realism, a surrealistic style where truth and fantasy blend into a single vision. The Museum of Art is located at One East Las Olas Boulevard. Museum hours are Tuesday -Saturday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Closed on Mondays. Please call for expanded hours at (954)525-5500. Admission prices are as follows:

Adults \$10;

Seniors and Students \$8;

Groups \$7;

Student tours/Art Institute Students with proper ID \$5;

College night - special Family day - adult with child \$5;

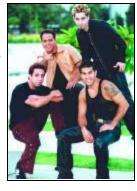
Students/Youths (ages 10 - 18) \$6; Free admission to children under 10 years of age and to the public on the sec-

ond Tuesday of each month.

Viva Broward

October 11-13

Love the entrancing beat of bongo drums, the blast of horns and salsa blaring from speakers? How about Latin food, dancing and crafts. Then don't miss Viva Broward! on Las Olas Boulevard, Riverwalk and DDA Plaza in downtown Fort Lauderdale. The 13th



annual celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month features some of the Latin world's finest entertainment - all free to public! International salsa star, Lefty Perez and his Orchestra will take the stage at 6 p.m. on Saturday, October 12th, and open for Billboard's #1 group, Son By Four. Viva Broward! hours are: Friday, October 11, 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Saturday, October 12, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Sunday, October 13, noon to 7 p.m.

For more information, log on to the website at www.vivabroward.com or call the hotline at (954) 527-5346.



Amistad October 16-21

The Freedom Schooner Amistad will make a return visit to the City of Fort Lauderdale and be open to the public for tours from Wednesday, October 16 through Monday, October 21. The ship will be docked at the Las Olas Riverfront docks, located at 300 S.W. 1st Avenue in the Las Olas Riverfront retail and entertainment complex along the New River in

downtown Fort Lauderdale. Admission will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. For more information, call the Amistad Information Line at **(954) 828-4751** or logon to **www.ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us**. Tour hours are as follows:

Oct. 16 - 18 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Oct. 19 - 20 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Oct. 21 from 2 - 5 p.m.

Walk as One Walk-a-thon

Sunday, October 20

The National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ), Broward/South Palm Beach Region, will host the First Annual Walk as One Walk-a-thon at 9 a.m. The 3.1-mile walk will support development and expansion of NCCJ's Youth and Community Leadership education programs by raising dollars and awareness. These programs empower young people to be the leaders of tomorrow, while encouraging inclusiveness, acceptance, and unity. The Walk-a-thon will take place along A1A on Fort Lauderdale Beach. The staging area will be located inside Birch State Park. Parking will be at the Galleria Mall. For more information, please call (954) 749-4454.

Multi-cultural Street Party

Sunday, October 20

Immediately following the Walk-As-One event, head for an afternoon of festivities along Sunrise Lane, one block west of A-1-A (Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard) and one block south of Sunrise Boulevard on Fort Lauderdale Beach. Multi-cultural entertainment groups will perform on stage showcasing their rich heritage. Food and arts and crafts vendors will line both sides of Sunrise Lane, the location of the The World Famous Parrot Lounge. For more information, call (954) 828-3257.

African-American Research Library and Cultural Center

October 19-26

The African-American Research Library and Cultural Center opens its doors on October 26, culminating a week of events starting on October 19. A community parade at 9 a.m. on October 19 at N.W. 9th Avenue and Sistrunk Boulevard will signal the grand opening of the cultural and educational mecca. Broward County Library is presenting "From the Old to the New," to honor the contributions of the Friends of the Von D. Mizell Library and its president, Ellyn F. Walters. The parade will proceed west along Sistrunk Blvd. and will arrive around 10:30 a.m. at the entrance to the new facility at 2650 Sistrunk Blvd. Along with the parade, an annual community health fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Activities include health seminars inside the library and information booths in the adjacent Delevoe Park. Experience the 300 seat state-of-the art auditorium; 5,000 feet of gallery space showcasing permanent and traveling exhibits; an unparalleled collection of 75,000 books, artifacts and documents full of the rich history and culture of persons of African descent; an interactive youth center; a multimedia area; computer lab; Seminar/meeting rooms; community office space and much more For more information, visit the library website at (www.broward.org/aarlcc).



16th Annual Sound Advice

Blues Festival







November 1-3

The Sound Advice Blues Festival, featuring many of the nation's top blues musicians, celebrates its 16th anniversary in grand style at the Fort Lauderdale Festival Site, located off of I-95 and Commercial Boulevard.

Jeff Healy, The Fabulous Thunderbirds, Delbert McClinton, Colin James, Shemekia Copeland and Lucky Peterson are a few of the headliners at this year's premier blues festival.

A free sneak preview to kick off the blues festival will be the **HooDoo VooDoo Halloween Ball** on October 31st at the site. Sunday Blues Host Dar of WKPX 88.5 FM, a.k.a "The Queen of Halloween", will host this ghoulish event for all ages. Everyone is encouraged to dress in costume. Prizes will be awarded. Guided haunted walks will take place from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Treat bags will be provided for children up to age 14 at the conclusion of the walk. Selected blues artists will be performing from 8:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Hep-C Alert of Hollywood - a nonprofit organization founded to raise public awareness and assist people affected by hepatitis C. Then, sit back and absorb sounds from the fiery fingertips of some of this nation's legendary and up-and-coming artists beginning Friday, November 1 from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday, November 2 from 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Back Woods Area on the Blues Corner Stage is where many of the performers will host workshops, talk about the history of the blues and the beginning of their careers. Don't miss acoustic blues and folk sounds at the Back Woods Acoustic Stage. Take time out, sip some java and unwind at the Blues Hour Coffee House.

Arts and crafters will display a variety of works, restaurants will cook some of the finest Creole and BBQ in the south, and the Cool Blues Kids Zone will feature crafts, songs and activities for the children. Sports enthusiasts can grab a seat at the Sports Tent fea-

turing large-screen televisions and highlighting the days' sports and outdoor activities for all athletic enthusiasts.

Get the VIP treatment with Catering By Joyce and enjoy "behind the scenes" seating for dinner and dancing "Under the Stars" each night. The Café will offer exclusive and limited VIP seating, a magnificent view of the stage, a wooden dance floor and private restroom. Each VIP ticket holder will receive a dinner, served buffet style, including beverages. Dessert will be served each night during the featured performance. Make your reservations early. For more information, call the 24-Hour Cool Blues Hotline at 1-866-352-3378 or log on to www.ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us/festivals. Note:

While blankets and lawn chairs are welcomed, no pets, coolers, back-packs or recording devices are permitted inside the festival grounds.

Admission Prices

Free admission ages 12 & under Free parking

Special Offer - Advance Tickets

Daily pass \$15 2-day pass \$23 3-day pass \$28

At the Gate

Daily pass \$20 2-day pass \$30 3-day pass \$40

Tickets will be available beginning Oct. 1st at the locations listed below.

Advance Ticket Locations

Sound Advice stores (Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach) Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Dept. Main Office: 1350 W Broward Blvd (954) 828-5347

Fort Lauderdale Stadium / City Festivals Office: 1201 NW 55th St. (954) 828-3267; Advance ticket sales end at this office on Oct. 29 SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch -

Oct. 6th, Riverwalk/Esplanade Park Big Toy & Truck Extravaganza

Fort Lauderdale Festival Site Oct. 12 - 13; (954) 828-3260

Downtown Live During October:

Himmarshee District Weds 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Cheer's Food and Spirits:

941 E. Cypress Creek Rd. (954) 771-6337

Golden Cockatoo Exotic Birds:

122 N. Federal Hwy. Deerfield Beach; (954) 725-0088

Order tickets by phone by calling

Toll Free 1-866-337-8849 or locally (954) 828-3267 Only MasterCard and Visa accepted.

24-Hour Cool Blues Hotline-1-866-352-3378



5th Annual Turkey Shoot Set For November 16

Hoop it up at this annual City of Fort Lauderdale event taking place November 16 at the Sports Authority, 1901 North Federal Hwy. Children and parents can sign up for any of the three contests scheduled for 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon, to shoot free throws to win a turkey and a trophy. The fee is \$1 fee or a can of food donated to the Daily Bread Food Bank for 10 shots from the free throw line. Children ages 4 to 16 can compete in one of seven divisions, or compete with parents in one of three parent and child divisions. For more information, call Gladys Penttila at (954) 828-6362.

Inside FLPD

Fort Lauderdale Police Department



Community Support Division Moves To New Location

The Police Department's Community Support Division (CSD) has moved to a new location.

CSD is now located at 533 NE 13th St., in the community of Middle River Terrace. The new location will continue to provide citizens with programs and services including the ability to file a police report, informational seminars and workshops, weekday bicycle registration from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and other crime prevention resources for the community. With the new location, CSD has expanded to

accommodate Special Operations units including Marine, Traffic, SWAT, Dive, Motors, K-9 and Bomb.

The CSD phone number will remain the same, (954) 828-6400.

Initiated in 1995, the police department set out to develop a Community Support Division, formerly known as Community Policing Initiative, for the purpose of allowing the police and the community to work closely together in creative ways to solve the problems of crime, illicit drugs, fear of crime, physical

and social disorder (from graffiti to addiction) and neighborhood decay.

Threatened neighborhoods have implemented problem-solving plans in conjunction with CSD to

reduce crime and improve quality of life.

Additional information on CSD is available on Fort Lauderdale Online (www.ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us/police).



Expertise In Explosive Matters

The lethal capability of bombs keep increasing, but so have the skills of trained personnel and the equipment used to prevent detonation.

If and when a potentially explosive situation is presented, the City of Fort Lauderdale Police Bomb Squad is armed with expertise and technology to render safe and dispose of explosives. In recent years, this unit's work has become increasingly visible due to national trends.

Ideally, a bomb can be dismantled with technical expertise and minimal human interaction. Special vehicles, technologically advanced tools such as remote controlled gadgets, and years of explosive expertise are first in line to take down a bomb.

"As one of only two Bomb Squad Units in Broward County, the Fort Lauderdale Bomb Squad has historically been the busiest specialty unit within the police department," said **Captain Raul Diaz**. "Since the tragedies of September 11, 2001, the Bomb Squad has been even busier keeping pace with new technologies and life-saving skills."

The five-member Fort Lauderdale



The Bomb Squad Truck appearing above is a 33-foot long bullet-proof vehicle equipped with state-of-the-art technology to respond to potentially explosive situations.

Bomb Squad are all Certified Bomb Technicians receiving their training at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama. The squad also has several dive certified technicians that can work underwater. Serving on the Bomb Squad is an additional assignment to their full time duties with the department. As a member of the team, the Squad is on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There are currently two bomb-sniffing dogs within the police department, with more to be added in the future.

Qualifying to serve on the Bomb Squad requires multi-disciplined training and years of police experience. Training sessions include cooperative drills with the
Police Dive and
SWAT (Special
Weapons And
Tactics) Teams, Fort
Lauderdale's FireRescue's Hazardous

Bomb Squad member in protective gear demonstrates use of remote controlled AL-VIN.

Materials Team, as well as training with other agencies including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Navy. The bomb squad is part of a mutual aid agreement formed by several public safety agencies Florida's southern region. Within this agreement, bomb squad technicians and their equipment are available to other agencies, as the need arises.





Community Salute to Police and Fire

Recently, citizens and homeowner's associations organized a daylong event in honro of the City of Fort Lauderdale Police and Fire-Rescue personnel. The event drew hundreds of residents to Holiday Park for music, activities, demonstrations and special awards.

Stay Safe This Halloween With These Tips

Halloween provides children and parents an opportunity to have fun together. However, roughly four times as many children ages 5-14 are critically injured while trick or treating on Halloween evening compared with other evenings of the year. Fortunately, many Halloween-related injuries can be prevented.

The City of Fort Lauderdale Police Crime Prevention Unit urges parents to mind these safety tips:

- * Make certain an adult is present when children go door-to-door for treats.
- * Older children should trick or treat in groups and never eat any candy that is not inspected by a responsible adult.
- * Never enter a home. Always remain on the front porch or sidewalk while waiting for your treat.
- * Always walk on the sidewalk, not in the roadway. Carry a flashlight if walking after dark.
- * If a problem arises on the street, go to the nearest house and ask the homeowner to call your parents or police.

Promoting Smart And Safe Children

The statistics are staggering. In 2001, 840,279 adults and juveniles were reported missing to the police and entered into the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Crime Information Center (NCIC). The FBI estimates that 85 to 90 percent of those missing persons are juveniles.

The safety of our children is a priority for the City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department, and with the recent widely publicized abductions, the Community Support Division is taking preventive action. *Escape School* is a free safety education program developed by Bob Stuber, a former police officer, who teaches children how to recognize and avoid a potential abduction while building self-confidence. In this course, children will learn survival techniques such as how to escape from the grip of an abductor, how to attract

attention to the location where they are being held against their will, and how to get people involved in their rescue.

By the end of this free course, children will learn to trust their instincts and differentiate between "good" and "bad" strangers. The program is geared for children between the ages of 5 to 13. Currently, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department is the only law enforcement agency offering Escape School.

"The more informed a child is, the more prepared he or she is to take an active part in their own safety." said **Major Robert Pusins**. "We feel that the Fort Lauderdale

Police Department can take a leadership role to educate children in their safety."

Escape School provides a one-hour instructional program taught to parents and children at various community locations. The program consists of video and role playing exercises with instructor and children. Escape School is a public service campaign nationally sponsored by neighborhood funeral homes and cemeteries affiliated with the Dignity Memorial Network, Inc. To register for the program, parents are urged to call CSD at (954) 828-6429.



Pet Ordinance In Force, Increased Violations Reported

The City of Fort Lauderdale has received a large number of complaints from citizens who witness pet owners in violation of the pet ordinance and who do not curb their pets.

Code of Ordinance 6-4 prohibits pet owners from taking any pets or domesticated animals upon sandy portions of the public beaches in the City. The ordinance also prohibits pets on any sidewalk or public property lying adjacent to or part of the public beach and lying east of the centerline of State Road A-1-A (Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard and Seabreeze Boulevard) from N.E. 18th Street south to the northernmost intersection of Seabreeze Boulevard and Harbor Drive.

The ordinance also prohibits pets on any sidewalk or public property lying immediately west of the centerline of and abutting State Road A-1-A right-of-way from Sunrise Boulevard south to the southern-most section of State Road A-1-A and Seabreeze Boulevard. Pets are also prohibited on any public park or playground area in the City that is not designated specifically for pets.

Pet owners are required to curb their dogs on all other public right-of-way. Individuals witnessed violating this ordinance are subject to arrest or fine.

Commission Finalizes New District Map

After many City public meetings and community exchanges, the Fort Lauderdale City Commission has stamped its approval on a new district map.

The newly aligned district boundaries will ensure that all citizens are represented fairly in the political process, and ensure that all districts are approximately equal in population.

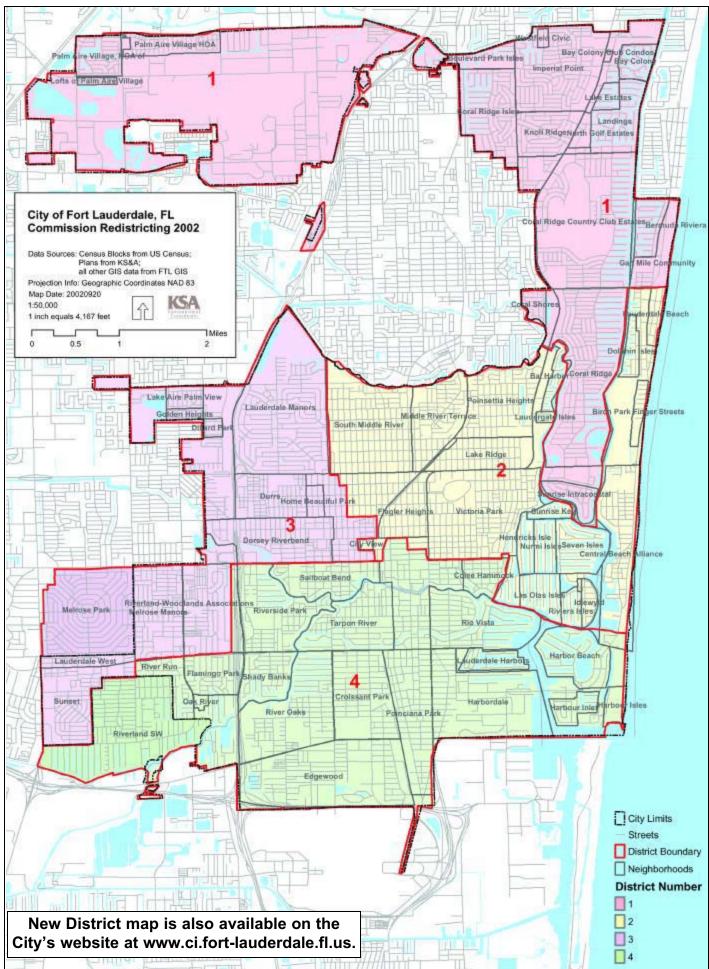
The City of Fort Lauderdale population has reached 167,063 according to the 2002 Census data coupled with the addition of the

newly annexed Melrose Park and R i v e r l a n d Southwest neighborhoods. That number represents a 9.6 percent increase in residents from the 1990 Census.

Every 10 years, population in-creases reported by the U.S. Census Bureau require elected officials to carve the political landscape into new districts with a process known as redistricting. As a result of the process, City Commission adopted Plan 1.3B.2 that appears to the right.

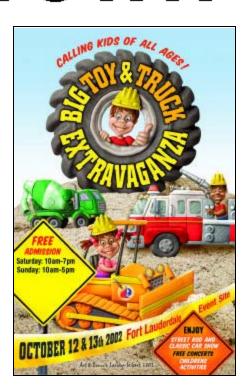
During the last year, community input was gathered during public meetings and workshops to assist the City and consultants in redistricting the City.

"This redistricting process has been a true grass roots effort," said Paul Costanzo, Assistant Com-munity Planning Manager. "The co-operation and dedication of residents, neighborhood groups and special interest groups have been an integral part in this process and a key to its success."



Town

Around



Big Toy & Truck Extravaganza

Children of all ages will enjoy this unique event where the rule of thumb is "Hands On, Everyone on Board"! The Innaugural Big Toy and Truck Extravaganza plus Street Rod & Classic Car Show will take place October 12 and 13 at the City Festival Event Site, 1201 NW 55 St. This free event includes music throughout the day, children's activities and a car show featuring pre-1972 automobiles. Event hours are 10 am. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 12; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 13. Every type of toy and truck imaginable will be on site to view, climb and photograph. For additional information, call the special events hotline at **(954) 828-6500**.



Halloween City Happenings

Attention all ghosts and gobblins!!! Don't miss the Halloween Howl on October 31 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Holiday Park Social Center, located at 1150 G. Harold Martin Drive. This program is geared for children 4-8 years of age. Dress up in your scariest, prettiest, ugliest and most unusual costume and celebrate Halloween in this fun-filled event featuring a scavenger hunt, cookie decorating and plenty of prizes for the best costumes. The fee is \$3 per child. Pre-registration is recommended. For additional information, please call (954) 828-5383.



Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show

The 43rd Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show® will take place October 31-November 4 and featuring significant changes and additions to accommodate expanded exhibit space. More than 2.5 million

square feet of exhibit space will be filled with boats, superyachts, accessories, services and special activities both on land and in water at six sites. Exhibits will include top makes and models of fishing boats, cruisers, jet boats, flats boats and more. Thousands of accessories, fishing equipment, electronics and fishing seminars, and the Kids' Fishing Clinics will also be featured. At the Bahia Mar on-land/in-water site, the International Yacht Builders Pavilion will make its debut featuring the Superyacht Builders and Designers Tent. Show sites also include Pier 66 Hotel & Marina, Marriott Portside Marine, Hall of Fame Marina and Las Olas Marina. A special Prime Time Preview will take place on October 31 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Admission to the Prime Time Preview is \$28. General admission hours are November 1 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; November 2 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; November 3 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; November 4 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Admission prices are as follows: daily general admission for adults - \$14; two-day pass \$22; five-day pass \$55; Prime Time Preview \$28. Admission for children (ages 6-12) is \$4; admission for children under 6 is free; exhibitor guest tickets are \$7. The Water Taxi will provide transportation to and from the following waterfront locations during the show: Bahia Mar Yachting Center; Broward County Convention Center; Double Tree Guest Suites; Marriott Portside Marina; Pier 66; Shooters. For additional information, contact all (954) 764-7642 or visit www.showmanagement.com.



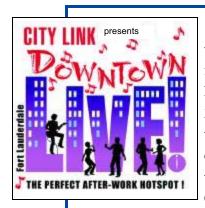


Free Movies Under the Moonlight

Bring your lawn chairs, picnic baskets and blankets to the DDA Plaza/Bubier Park for a movie under the stars on the fourth Saturday of each month from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Maroone Moonlight Musicals presents "Men In

Black" on October 26.

Plan on attending this monthly movie event, presented by the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival, free from 8 pm - 10 p.m. For more information, call **(954) 760-9898**.



Downtown Live! is Fort Lauderdale's newest after-work hot spot that will keep you out of rush hour traffic on Wednesday nights. Enjoy chart-topping music performed by local and regional bands, local artist works, movies, sports, dance lessons and a host of other activities from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. along S.W. 2nd Street between S.W. 2nd and 3rd Avenues. The Himmarshee restaurants and bars will feature weekly specials and offer their finest food and hospitality. For additional information about Downtown Live, please call the Parks and Recreation City Festivals and Events Office at **(954) 828-6620** or logon to **www.ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us/festivals**. Ample parking is available at the Broward County Garage, at the corner of Brickell Avenue and SW 2nd Street, and the Las Olas

Park Place, at Las Olas Riverfront flat rate of \$5.

Upcoming Performances:

November 6 Salsa Express November 13 Junkyard Saints

November 20 Big Al & the Heavyweights November 27 City Link's Music Fest Preview Party

Don't miss the 50s and 60s tunes of the Fabulons in December



Unique Opportunities At Bonnet House Museum & Gardens

Share the quiet elegance of the Bonnet House - an historic house museum, located at 900 North Birch Road. The artistry of the home and tranquility of its 35-acre setting are unique in this urban setting. Volunteers are needed to welcome visitors, conduct tours of the nature trail, and to serve as back-up guides for the historic house tours. An orientation program will take place on October 10 at 3 p.m. followed by training sessions on October 19 and 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To sign up, please contact Linda Schaller, Volunteer Coordinator (954) 563-5393 ext. 137. For information on special events, log on to www.bonnethouse.org or call the Bonnet House at (954) 563-5393.

Promenade In The Park

The popular three-day festival returns November 8 - 10 to Fort Lauderdale's Holiday Park and War Memorial Auditorium, corner of Sunrise Boulevard and Federal Highway. Hours are 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. on November 8; 10 a.m. to



11 p.m. on November 9; and noon to 8 p.m. on November 10. Enjoy continuous live entertainment, stroll through the juried fine art show, the country crafts, a marketplace, civic exhibits and a flea market. A Sports Village will feature two large screen televisions, visits by sports personalities and mounds of memorabilia. The Children's Area will feature interactive games, activities, amusement rides and student art exhibits. Save by purchasing tickets at the pre-sale rate of \$4, through November 7. Regular admission prices start at \$5 for children ages 7-12 and seniors age 65 and older; and \$7 for adults. Tickets can be purchased at a variety of sites including War Memorial Auditorium, the Museum of Art Fort Lauderdale, Galleria Mall Information Booth. For more information, log on to www.PromenadeinthePark.com or call (954) 764-5973.

Family Fun At The SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch

The Downtown Riverwalk along the New River comes alive on the first Sunday of every month for the SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch offering plenty of jazz, food and activities for the entire family. The event is now in its 11th year and is one of the most popular monthly events in the City featuring six stages along the New River highlighting some of South Florida's most popular jazz musicians from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Area businesses offer a variety of tasty treats for purchase. Take a peek at the Old Fort Lauderdale Village and Museum, or tour the Broward Center for the Performing Arts at noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Picnic baskets,

blankets, chairs and dogs are welcome. For more information call the SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch hotline at **(954) 828-5985** or visit the City's web site **(www.ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us/festivals)**. Don't miss these upcoming acts:

November 3: Lola & The Sass Band; Johnny "Dr. J" James; Leo Casino & the Florida Players; Tommy Nehls; Jump 'n Jive (featured at right).



Note: While we make every effort to include timely information, circumstances occasionally force changes to events listed. Please call the numbers listed prior to attending. Additionally, current events may cause delays in mail delivery of this publication. Should you receive this publication after an event has occurred please accept our apologies.



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